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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, EAID, PFOR, TO

SUBJ: NATIONALIZATION OF CTMB

REF: STATE 025602 (NOTAL)

1. CTMB LOCAL MANAGER SALESSE SAYS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOT AND CTMB FOREIGN PARTNERS WILL BE HELD IN LOME 22 AND 23 FEBRUARY. PRIVATE SIDE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY CTMB MANAGING DIRECTOR GABRIEL, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR YOUYET, LAWYER LOIRETTE, ONE GRACE REPRESENTATIVE, AND TWO PERSONS REPRESENTING FRENCH STOCKHOLDERS. SALESSE SAYS BOTH GABRIEL AND HOUYUET VISITED LOME BRIEFLY LAST WEEK AND ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTIES. PRESIDENT ASSURED THEM HE INTENDED PAY FOR 49 PERCENT STOCK SEIZED 4 FEBRUARY AND EVEN OFFERED HOUYUET A JOB.

2. DESPITE THIS, SALESSE IS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE OVER SITUATION AT PLANT AND AT MINE. WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY LAST WEEK TO SHUT DOWN  
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A MACHINE AT MINE FOR SOME TECHNICAL REASON, AN EMPLOYEE

DENOUNCED MANAGEMENT FOR ATTEMPTING SABOTAGE OPERATIONS AND FIRST THING SALESSE KNEW GENDARMES WERE DEMANDING EXPLANATION. SALESSE WONDERS WHETHER, IN SUCH ATMOSPHERE, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR PRESENT EXPATRIATE STAFF TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE INDUSTRY, EVEN IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED TO THAT EFFECT. SINCE HE BELIEVES GOT WILL TIE REIMBURSEMENT TO CONTINUED ASSISTANCE BY PRESENT TECHNICIANS, HE IS CONCERNED THAT ANY AGREEMENT COULD BE DISRUPTED BY AN INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS.

3. LOCAL MEDIA CONTINUE TO FLOG NEO-COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND INTERNATIONAL HIGH FINANCE DAILY FOR ALLEGED EFFORT TO MURDER PRESIDENT, THROWING IN CONSIDERABLE ADMIXTURE OF ANTI-WHITE PROPOGANDA. WHILE WE HAVE HEARD OF NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS, SOME FOREIGN WOMEN HAVE REPORTED BEING INSULTED ON STREETS. APART FROM THIS, LIFE IN TOGO AND APPARENTLY THROUGHOUT TOGO APPEARS TO HAVE RESUMED ITS NORMAL PACE.  
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